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Title: **METHOD FOR MAKING CHARACTER  
STRINGS, POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND  
POLYPEPTIDES HAVING DESIRED  
CHARACTERISTICS**

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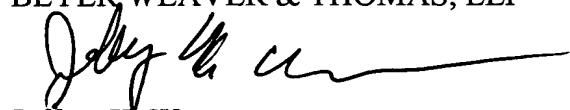
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